GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2215
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2015
Suicides by Defence Personnel
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of suicides and killing of colleagues in the defence forces have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether long term deployment at one place, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States is responsible for such incidents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total number of the defence forces counselled by psychologists during the said period; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2215 FOR ANSWER ON 11.12.2015

(a) & (b): Number of incidents of suicide and fratricide in Armed Forces during last three years and the current year is as under:-

Year	Army		Navy		Air Force	
	Suicide	Fratricide	Suicide	Fratricide	Suicide	Fratricide
2012	95	01	01	Nil	15	Nil
2013	86	03	06	Nil	15	Nil
2014	84	03	04	Nil	24	01
2015 (Till date)	69	01	01	Nil	13	Nil

(c) The major reasons for such incidents include occupational hazards, family issues / domestic problems, perceived grievances, personal issues, mental built, financial problems and inability to withstand stress.
(d) A large number of officers have been trained, as Counsellors, to provide psychological counselling to the defence personnel and their families. Civilian psychological counsellors have also been employed, to provide mental health services. A Psychologist, visit units and formations from time to time and carries out psychological counselling, individually and at times in groups.
(e) Government has taken various measures to prevent such incidents. Some of these measures include: improvement in living and working conditions through provision of better infrastructure and facilities; additional family accommodation, liberalized leave policy, establishing a grievance redressal mechanism, provision of counselling by psychological counsellors, conduct of yoga, meditation as part of unit routine etc.

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